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SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper): Voted Player of the Season by the fans last term in only his second full season in League football! Under the watchful eye of Charlie Wright, who has coached him since his school days, Simon has developed into one of the most promising talents on the North West scene, and deserved his recognition under the Robinson's Young Player award scheme.

DEREK SCOTT (Defender): The highly versatile Gateshead lad and former England Schoolboy international signed from Burnley in the summer for £20,000 after 10 seasons of first team football with the Clarets. It was the third time Wanderers had tried to sign him.

JIMMY PHILLIPS (Defender): A home town boy who emerged last season at left back and as a central defender with many encouraging qualities.

DAVE SUTTON (Defender): The former Plymouth central defender joined Bolton for £12,000 in the close season after eight years with Huddersfield where he was club captain and enjoyed two promotion campaigns including a Fourth Division Championship success.

MARK CAME (Defender): The big centre half made a forceful impact last season — his first in League football after joining Wanderers from non-league Worsfold.

PAUL FITZPATRICK (Defender): Bolton moved in for the young defender after seeing him in trials with Liverpool. He showed a lot of promise in his brief appearances at senior level towards the end of the season.

ASA HARTFORD (Midfield): A half-century of Scottish International caps behind him, the seasoned midfielder joined Wanderers in the summer after his shock release by Norwich City, for whom he scored the winning goal in last season's Milk Cup Final against Sunderland. Clydebank-born, Hartford started his career with West Brom and in spells with Manchester City (twice), briefly with Nottingham Forest and two years with Everton, he was regarded as one of the most influential of British midfield players.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield): An award as one of the North West Young Players of last season was a fitting reward for the determined young sporting all-rounder who has been a regular in the Bolton midfield since making his debut at the age of 19 in April, 1983.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield): A powerful shot is just one of the assets of the strong young midfielder player who has been a first team regular for two seasons.

GRAHAM BELL (Midfield): In his third season with the club, Graham joined the Wanderers from Carlisle in January 1984 with a wealth of experience after spells in the North West with Oldham and Preston.

SIMON RUDGE (Forward): Small in stature but big in heart, the Warrington-born youngster who started his League career with the Wanderers as a striker made an impressive switch to midfield last season.

ROGER WALKER (Forward): Speed and control are the exciting talents of the youngster who has been impressing in the club's junior sides for a couple of seasons.

TONY CALDWELL (Forward): The club's top scorer in successive seasons since being snapped up by the Wanderers from a local non-league club in the summer of 1983. Within two months of hitting the League scene he scored a club and Third Division record five goals in a League game against Walsall.

GEORGE OGHANI (Forward): Twenty-one goals last season proved that the talented striker who made goalscoring his business in his non-league days also had the instinct to make it in the Third Division.

DAVID CROSS (Forward): Few men can boast as consistent a scoring record as the much-travelled striker who joined Wanderers in the summer after being released by First Division West Brom, where he had returned for a second spell after playing in America. The North West is David's home territory although he has travelled the country serving up a feast of goals with Rochdale, Norwich City, Coventry, West Ham, Manchester City and Oldham during a League career of well over 500 games.

DEAN ROBERTS (Forward): A promising, fearless striker who was robbed of a possible senior breakthrough last season by an untimely injury.

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BOARDROOM

Viewpoint

A WARM welcome to our nearest neighbours in the Football League, Bolton Wanderers.

In what has been our most successful season in our short Football League life, I would like to express the Board's thanks to our supporters who have been magnificent, especially the thousand fans who regularly travel to our away fixtures, you have all been great.

One of the saddest aspects this season has been the coverage we have received in certain quarters of the local press, accurate reporting we encourage, sensationalism to sell newspapers, we will not tolerate.

A truer picture of the Plymouth game and what it meant to football came in the letters of thanks we have received from the chairman of Plymouth and the letters we have received from the fans of Argyle.

Major ground improvements will be going ahead this close season and we need your help.

If you are in the building trade or are an electrician etc., please contact us now, we need your help.

Once again, thanks for the support and we will see you next season.

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Bryan Hamilton

GOOD evening and welcome to our friends and neighbours from Bolton for this vitally important Freight Rover Trophy Northern Final first leg clash.

We did the necessary business regarding Wolves on Saturday, and while I was somewhat disappointed that we let them into the game when they ought to have been dead and buried, the final result at least gives Derby something to aim at and it's a matter of sitting back and seeing what fate has in store.

Two more points, another goal here and there would, of course, have made all the difference, but to look back like that does you no good at all and at least we have something to occupy our minds while Derby do battle in their last three games.

Back to tonight, and of course we will be looking for a healthy lead to take to Bolton on Friday but we know it won't be easy – as Bolton's 3-1 victory over Easter here at Springfield Park illustrated only too well.

But in addition to wanting some revenge for that little upset, the players are desperately keen to get to Wembley once again – the marvellous scenes from last year's Freight Rover Trophy victory still so fresh in everyone's minds.

Finally I would like to congratulate Warren Aspinall on his hat-trick for us last Saturday and wish him well as he starts his life at Everton.

To all our supporters in this last home game I would like to say thanks to you all on behalf of everyone connected with the club – and let's hope the next few days bring the icing on the cake.

Enjoy the game.

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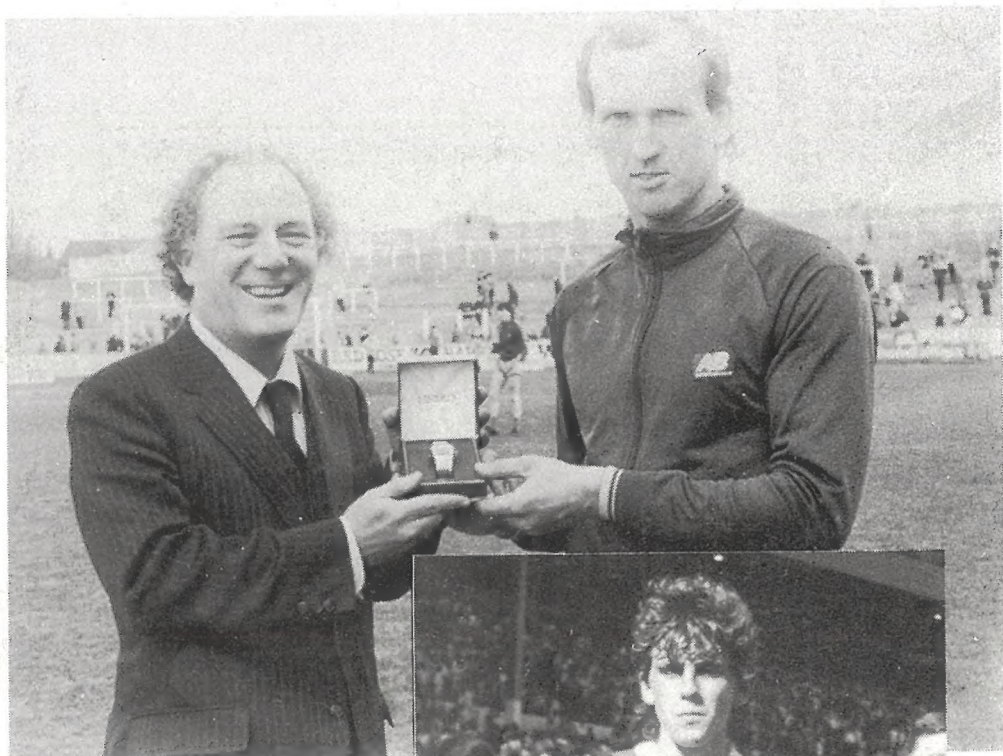
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SWANEE SONG

SO we reach the end of a tremendous season with The Freight Rover Northern Final. I quite fancy the prospect of a trip to Wembley later this month and I'm sure the lads would find it the perfect end to a long season.

The Freight Rover Trophy could well become the big tournament for 3rd and 4th Division clubs if the league shake-up takes place. Bryan Hamilton has placed great importance on the Trophy and has played his best men throughout, whilst some clubs have turned out weak sides.

Warren plays his last home game for the Club today, so let's give him the send-off he deserves before going on to Goodison. Good luck Warren, I hope you make it all the way, you deserve it.

Finally, I hope to see all of you back here next season, but if a few more of you could spread the word that Latics are a team to be watched, it would help.

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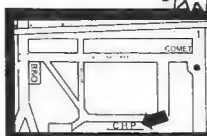
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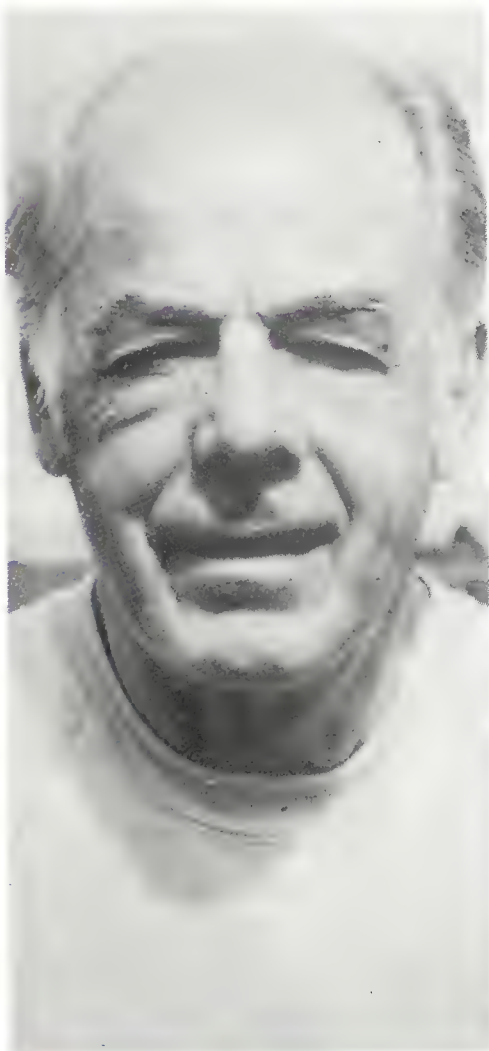
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